

ELIGIBILITY ADULT DRUG COURT REQUIREMENTS



Adults residing in Rhode Island



Charged with an alcohol or other drug (AOD) offense or charged with another nonviolent offense, but with a history of AOD use or abuse



Exhibits a history of AOD use, dependency, or abuse



No prior adjudication or finding involving a crime of violence and no currently pending charge of a crime of violence



Indicate willingness to enter a plea of Nolo Contendere (No Contest)



Agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the Drug Court as set forth in the Drug Court Contract

CONTACT ADULT DRUG COURT INFORMATION

The Honorable Joseph F. Rodgers, Jr.
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Rhode Island Superior Court
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The Honorable Gordon M. Smith
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Drug Court Magistrate
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RHODE ISLAND SUPERIOR COURT



ADULT DRUG COURT

MISSION ADULT DRUG COURT STATEMENT

OUR MISSION is to improve the quality of life for individuals who have been ravaged by the negative impact of drugs. This can be achieved through substance abuse treatment, social services and justice interventions. The Drug Court helps reduce the incidence of substance abuse among participants and decreases their involvement in the criminal justice system.





ADULT DRUG COURT TEAM

Drug Court Judge
Prosecutor
Clinical Coordinator
Probation Officer
Public Defender
Drug Court Manager

PROGRAM ADULT DRUG COURT FEATURES

Post Plea,
Post Adjudication Model



Intensive Judicial Supervision



Frequent Random Drug Screens



Treatment Options



Participant Accountability



Incentives



Sanctions



Community and Law
Enforcement Involvement



Average length of program: 9 to 12 months

ADULT DRUG COURT GOALS

To IMPROVE PUBLIC
SAFETY.

To REDUCE RECIDIVISM
rates among participants.

To increase the participant's
ACCOUNTABILITY,
particularly in relation to victims
and the community.

To build a
STRONGER FAMILY
unit when appropriate.

To INCREASE
COLLABORATION
among the criminal justice system,
substance abuse treatment
providers, educational systems,
and ancillary services.

To have participants become
RESPONSIBLE
AND PRODUCTIVE
community members.